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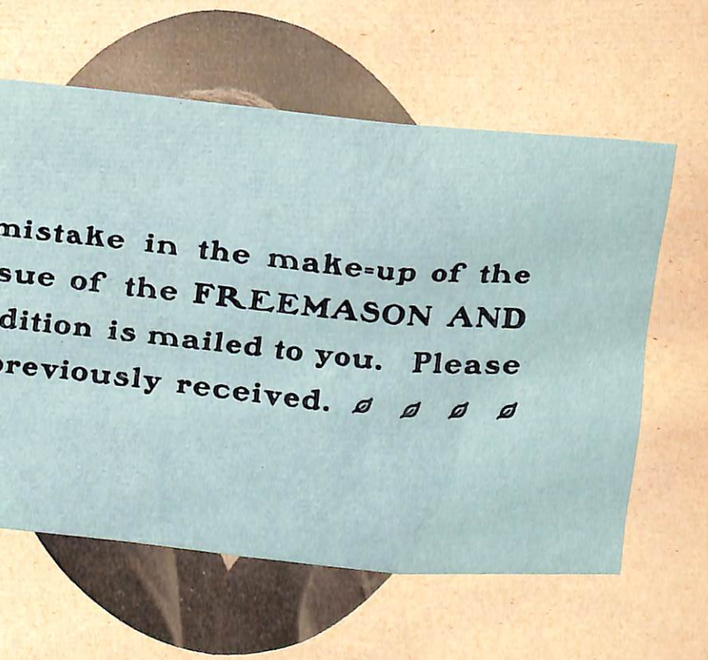

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THE ORIGINAL PLAN.

The Tyler calls the plan of selecting candidates for members of the Masonic Fraternity "a *new* plan." THE TRESTLE BOARD believes it to be the *original* plan, for as history informs us the wise king who originated the design of building the Temple *selected* his associate to assist him, and they together *selected* the architect to draw the designs and execute the plans. The architect *selected* his overseers, and they *selected* the workmen of the various grades. The builders *selected* the material and brought it up. We have no record of any material being rejected except in one instance, and that was afterward found to be a most important stone in the structure. And when the chief architect died before his work was completed, it is recorded that the two kings *selected* his successor. So in the Masonic Fraternity, as in the material Temple where there was not a stone which had not a place, there is not an individual that is not capable of performing the reciprocal duties of brotherly love, relief and truth. We are not alarmed at the thought that the devotees of these duties will become too numerous or its membership too common if the plan of selecting material is adopted. Masonry, in its abstract principles, *should be universal*. Therefore, we should not be content to let well enough alone or limit its field of usefulness. We should be rejoiced to know that it could be universal, for then the world would be all peace and harmony, with no wars or bloodshed, or contention. Masonry should include every good man in its ranks, even if he has to be invited, and if he declines, we know he must have good reasons for so doing, which perhaps are the faults and imperfections of the Institution.—*Trestle Board.*

NEGRO MASONS IN ENGLAND.

In a recent debate on "Negro Masonry" at Minerva Lodge, the strongest argument in favor of the regularity of the Prince Hall or negro lodges of the United States, looked at from an English point of view, was that used by Brother Samuel Jones, P. P. G. H., viz., that two negro brethren hailing from the Grand Lodge of Liberia, which Grand Lodge was instituted from the Prince Hall organizations of the United States, were accepted and exalted on their Liberian craft certificates, and with the express permission of our Grand Chapter, in the Fidelity Chapter No. 477, Birkenhead. Bro. Jones also pointed out that when the Grand Master of L beria visited our Grand Lodge he was received and accorded all the honors of a Sovereign Grand Master, his Grand Lodge being then and now acknowledged by our Grand Lodge as a regular Grand Lodge. If England acknowledges the daughter of Prince Hall, Liberia, as regular and constitutional, she can not with any reason, declare the parent and her American offshoots spurious and clandestine.—*Masonic Journal, Liverpool, England.*

ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION.

To elect an officer by acclamation is not contrary to Masonic usage. The oldest Grand Lodge in the world, that of England, has so chosen her Grand Master ever since 1717. In many of our oldest Grand Lodges in the United States it is a custom to do so when occasion requires. In the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts a few years since all the grand officers were thus chosen. We like the custom, as it demonstrates the true spirit of Masonry, and that there is no rivalry, no ill-feeling, as if often displayed in elections where some favorite is defeated after a bitter contest.—*Masonic Sun.*

We'd like to see them send the custom out west.—ED.

So many people regard Masonry as an institution designed to shield its votaries from consequences of wrong doing, crime. No such practice is taught in Masonry. A Mason who commits offense against the laws of his country is just as much under the ban of Masonry as he is under the ban of good society Masonry teaches every brother to be a law-abiding citizen, to be of good moral character, to be temperate in all things and to respect the sacred rights of his fellow-men, be they Masons or not.—*Rambes in Takats Times.*

Among the Lodges.

It was our privilege to be with Marshall Lodge, 108, Marshalltown, Dec. 1, when two were raised and a splendid social program worked through. The work was well and faithfully done. All the vestments and adjuncts necessary were in full array, and the many out of town visitors were greatly profited.

At Muscatine they have a dozen E. A's on hand and business growing.

Iowa Lodge No. 2 elected the following executive officers Dec. 3d:

W. M., W. W. Crockett; Secretary, D. Bogard.

At Early the Lodge has elected as W. M., D. D. Carlton, Secretary, E. M. Fuller.

Shenandoah has a fine Temple and is a live Masonic town.

HIS THIRTY-FOURTH TERM.

UNCLE JOHN HENDERSON RE-ELECTED TREASURER OF CRESCENT LODGE.

December 3d, Crescent Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., held its annual election, the officers chosen for the ensuing year being as follows:

Worshipful Master—Taylor Carpenter.
Senior Warden—Jos. E. Morcombe.
Junior Warden— J. B. Miller.
Secretary— A. L. Sylvester.
Treasurer—John W. Henderson.

During the year now coming to a close Crescent Lodge has achieved enviable distinction among the bodies of the fraternity in the state. Its members have devoted considerable attention to the historical and speculative features of the institution, with the result that it has been widely quoted and observed. The aim of the lodge seems to be to constitute itself a center of intellectual work, from which others less fortunately situated may derive benefit. With this end in view it is proposed to form classes for instruction and research in Masonic subjects, which cannot but be for the great benefit of its membership. The great Masonic library here gives the brethren of Cedar Rapids an advantage which they are not slow to appreciate, and the requisite information for their research is freely placed at their disposal.

In again electing John W. Henderson as treasurer of the lodge, Crescent goes far toward establishing a record. This will make the thirty-fourth year that the duties of this important office have been placed in the hands of Mr. Henderson.—*Gazette, Dec. 4th, 1900.*

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

BY G. B. VAN SAUN, G. C.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Anita, Jan. 14, 15, 1901.
Harlan, 16, 17.
Glenwood, 18, 19.
Lodges Nos. 58, 71, 126, 232, 234, 259, 271, 297, 335, 371, 380, 382, 400, 401, 415, 420, 423, 430, 449, 490, 492, 544, 559.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Sigourney, Jan. 28, 29, 1901.
Eddyville, 30, 31.
Montezuma, Feb. 1, 2.
Lodges Nos. 18, 38, 52, 55, 61, 74, 106, 124, 146, 163, 182, 185, 227, 229, 230, 236, 242, 260, 277, 311, 336, 353, 388, 397, 442, 485, 491, 512, 524, 530.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

West Liberty, Feb. 11, 12, 1901.
Wilton Junction, Feb. 13, 14.
Tipton, Feb. 15, 16.
Lodges Nos. 2, 4, 11, 24, 30, 95, 96, 114, 122, 149, 167, 168, 188, 231, 238, 287, 290, 381, 391, 445, 479, 516, 535, 549.

The Royal Arch.

December 10th, Monticello had work in R. A. with visitors from several neighboring chapters. We saw Comps. W. N. Dearborn and Al. Comstock on their way up. Sorry we could not be there.

Muscatine has had five teams in the Chapter with others to follow. Work in all the bodies is constant.

AT DES MOINES

At Des Moines General Grand Chapter, F. W. Craig was advanced one step, viz., to G. G. M. of the third veil, which should he live and continue will make him

head of the Order some time before he reaches the age of 75 years.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., elected the following: Alf. Wingate, H. P.; Frank McArthur, king; A. C. Beighter, scribe; Seth Graham, treasurer; Ira B. Thomas, secretary; trustees, H. T. Blackburn, J. F. Pitt, J. L. Parrish.

The Council.

DES MOINES MASONS ELECT.

NAMES OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICIALS OF MASONIC LODGE.

The Alpha Council, Royal and Select masters, elected the following officers recently: T. I. M., Crom Bowen; D. M., C. O. Greever; P. C. W., E. D. Fulmer; treasurer, Seth Graham; recorder, R. M. J. Coleman; C. of S., Fred Graham; C. M. C , Geo. F. Usry; steward, Ira B. Thomas; sentinel, G. B. Wicks.

The matter of the United Council in this city is moving along all right and only awaits a moment of relaxation from our busy life to get things ready for the call. The R. & S. M. of this and surrounding communities will be greatly advantaged by the centralization.

Commanderies.

The committee on tactics for the Grand Commandery have finished their work and the volume of about 75 pages will be on sale by Egbert, Fidlar & Chambers of Davenport at fifty cents a copy. Send for it at once, as it will do away with the cumbersome tactics heretofore in use.

Muscatine has eight or more in course of receiving orders.

The Templars of Chicago are making great preparations for their annual charity ball at the Auditorium on January 22, for benefit of Masonic Orphan's Home.

At their annual election Apollo Commandery elected the following officers for the ensuing year: E. C., Lew W. Anderson; Gen., J. T. Carmody; C. G , J. O. Baxter; S. W., J. W. Hayes; J. W., W. D. Anderson; Prelate, Wm. Flanagan; Treasurer, John B. Bever; Recorder, P. W. Gifford.

Patmos Commandery No. 27 chose as E. C., C. S. Berry; Gen., N. Robinson; C. G., J. Kocher; S. W., J. N. North; J. W.,————; Prelate, J. E. Bromwell; Treasurer, C. H. Kurtz; Recorder, F. J. Cleveland.

Apollo Commandery 26, observed the Christmas Toast at 11 a. m., December 25, in the Temple, with a large attendance of Sir Knights. The absent ones were remembered and the exercises were deeply impressive and interesting.

We know of a Sir Knight who wants to buy a second hand uniform if in good condition. Write full description to the editor.

The Scottish Rite.

Iowa Consistory No. 2 of Cedar Rapids has had a somewhat varied career. It was organized at a time when the Cerneau Rite was working in this city and served well the purpose for which it began. Occasional efforts have been made to revive its activity but thus far they have not been fruitful.

On December 12, 1900. a meeting was held at which a committee was appointed to confer with De Molai No. 1, of Clinton, as to terms of transfer and surrender. December 21, the committee reported and an informal secret ballot was taken, after which the matter was laid over until the annual meeting, Dec. 27, when the formal vote will be taken, and upon that result either way the membership will decide either to surrender the Charter and transfer the membership to Clinton, or there will have to be evidences of activity different from the past to keep the Consistory alive. It will be a matter of considerable interest either way.

At Muscatine there are six or eight candidates for the Rite who will go to Davenport.

Palestine Lodge, Detroit, will give five informal dancing parties this winter. There are some lodges where this sort of thing would meet with strong opposition, and, in fact, could not be done at all.—*Home Journal.*

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Davenport, June 4, 1901.

W. L. EATON	Osage	GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids	Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
General Grand (U. S.,) Cincinnati, Sept. 25th, 1900.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.

N. B. HYATT	Mason City	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Secretary

ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.
General Grand (U. S.,)
Iowa, Grand Council, Davenport, Sept., 1901.

A R. DEWEY	Washington	M. P. G M.
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Recorder

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1901.

D. M. BROWNLEE	Sioux City	GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1901, Detroit.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1901, Sioux City.

FREDA OPPENHEIMER	Webster City	GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small	Des Moines	Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs	Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Kansas City, Mo., June 11, 1901.

LOU B. WINSOR,	Reed City, Mich.	IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell	Boston, Mass.	Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

B. M. CLEVELAND	Waterloo	POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger	Cedar Rapids	Recorder

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Still here.

Changes are coming.

Patience always wins out.

Masonry with us is first because it is foremost.

No humble brother, whatever his station, is overlooked in Masonry.

Will our contemporaries accept our "will for the deed" in answer to their kind words about our loss.

To many of our brothers we are drawn nearer by the experiences that make us akin.

We know well the inestimable power of that spirit that in the hour of trial turns to the G. A. O. T. U. in prayer.

COLORED MASONS IN SESSION.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., DEC. 27.—The first international council of Master Masons (colored) met today in Masonic temple with colored Masonic dignitaries present from all over the world. The sessions will continue until next Monday.

THE MILK OF HUMAN KINDNESS.

It is not difficult to discover the degenerate tendencies of human nature, left to its own devices. Out of the hot enthusiasm of a wrecked train will flow a cloudburst of relief. The dripping survivors in Galveston participate in the national hysteric of contribution within the hours that the tide of the gulf recedes. But what follows? Sitting in a body supposed to be *par excellence* on its benevolence, a letter to *our own* comes asking that fraternal purse-strings loosen to extend protection over the winter. That letter was *placed on file.* Why prolong discussion—lets have an inspection of the conditions and may God send a remedy! Would that by some churning process of concentration we could separate the nutritive parts of the milk of human kindness from the watery substances of selfishness. It is self evident that as the old substance is now pretentiously served up it is adulterated and beshammed out of all its old qualities. Would that men would once more turn their mind to the II. chapter of I. Corinthians and in that striking analysis of true philosophy learn that "though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not Charity I am nothing."

A MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

GRAND SECRETARY OF INDIANA MASONS PROBABLY FATALLY WOUNDED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—William H. Smythe, grand secretary of the Masonic order in Indiana, was shot and probably fatally wounded today while he was in his office in the Masonic Temple.

The story told by Smythe who retained consciousness for several minutes after the shooting, is that a blonde woman entered his office and asked to be allowed to use the telephone. As he was busy he told her he could not be bothered at that time. Without further words, he declares, the woman pulled a revolver from somewhere about her clothes and fired at him. The police reached the scene only a few minutes after the tragedy was enacted, but found no trace of the mysterious woman. Three bullets have been removed from the wounded man's head.

HOLD UP THE STANDARD.

Whatever we may name it—the conservatism of the Masonic bodies in most places is a wholesome and salutary example to the frantic enthusiasm of these orders that run to political, competitive or barnstorming methods.

Even the helpful card in the local newspapers is usually as carefully worded as the "at home" card of the most select circles, and it seldom attracts the *diversionist* who never goes up unless there is *work* in the *third*; but the true student of the art is always there. Much of the paraphernalia littered over Iowa, if advertised, would unfold a tale of personal ambition to have some order, likely as not, unsuited to the community, started, and when it would not run itself and carry the sponsors, it died. Masonry has slow methods going in and strews no remains around loose when it goes out of a place.

Perhaps the highest commendation the Institution can have is the practice of Masonic benevolence—not mere charity—in the comforting of the bereaved, visiting the sick, protecting the orphan, helping the widow, and the widower, all of which when conscientiously done brings its own reward and honors the craft.

We have wondered often if we will not finally—we'd welcome it—be driven to "systematic beneficence" that the practical virtues of the institution may be the better *enabled*. We would predict in such an event an abundant out-pouring of those who have learned that to "earn a Master's wages" travels and works that he "may" be the better enabled to support himself, his family, and contribute to the relief of poor distressed Masons, their widows and orphans.

"The greatest of these is charity." Brotherly love—brings relief—and loves the truth.

The Mystic Shrine.

No word from Kaaba.

El Kahir will meet on the 4th Friday of each month beginning with January.

Imperial Representatives, E. I. Alderman, Marion; B. F. Cleveland, Waterloo; M. S. Jackson, Cedar Rapids, and E. B. Shaw, West Union.

We have no official information but are informed that F. O. Evans is elected Potentate and C. H. Austin, Recorder of Zagazig, Des Moines.

Tanjier Temple held their annual, Dec 13, and from the press reports the banquet was entertained by a *full* orchestra. That's what they get for omitting our notice.

Whoever thinks El Kahir hasn't got all kinds of talent ought to have been present to see our Assistant Rabban manage the banquet, December 12. Why, Colonel Emerson is a living wonder.

El Kahir had her most harmonious annual in the last five years, December 12. All the officers and representatives were elected by unanimous ballots. These are the officers: Potentate, B. M. Cleveland, Waterloo; Chief Rabban, W. N. Dearborn, Stone City; Assistant Rabban, C. P. Emerson; High Priest, Wm. Flanagan; Oriental Guide, M. S. Jackson; Treasurer, R. T Forbes; Recorder, John W. Geiger; First Ceremonial Master, A. H. Holt, Waterloo; Second C. M , W. G. Haskell; Marshal, J. W. Hayes; Directors, George Neyere and U. Effmeyer; Captain of the Guard, I. T. Forbes, Marshalltown; Outer Guard, Z. Farr. (Where postoffice is not given they are from this city.)

CYPRUS TEMPLE, ALBANY, N. Y.

Following is the official divan of Cyprus Temple, of Albany, N. Y., for 1901:

Julius D. Ireland, Ill. Potentate.
William H. Butler, Chief Rabban.
Frederick I. Pollock, Assistant Rabban.
Wm. H. Booth, High Prophet and Priest.
William C. Coogan, Oriental Guide.
William E. Fitch, Recorder.
James B. McEwan, Treasurer.
Thomas J. Bishop, Henry W. Foreman, Julius D. Ireland, } Representatives to the Imperial Council, 1901.

HONOLULU.

No trip in the history of this Oriental Order (the Mystic Shrine) has ever been projected in which we have taken so much or such hopeless interest as the Imperial Potentate's pilgrimage to Honolulu, Feb. 25, 1901. Think of 11,324 miles by land and water with that royal party! Oh, where is some wealthy relative whose check might (as well) be passed in to us that we might go. But, we'll hope to go later when they go to institute one at Manila. The Imperial caravan will pass through Dubuque, Waterloo, Des Moines, in crossing Iowa. They say Za-ga-zig will "do something" when they stop there. Nobles contemplating the trip want to write C. E. Fink, Grand Rapids, at once.

Order of Isis.

We thank Nobles Worden and Clayton for an invitation to the Moila Court vigil for December 12. Can't double, so was not there.

Whoever thinks that the Order of Isis in El Kahir Court is not alive should have been here Dec. 12th, when the whole evening was given over to the women folks. The daughters were in evidence. Wait until we go to Kansas City in June, then the white fezes will be in evidence.

The Eastern Star.

From Mrs. Sister Maria Jackson we receive (Nov. 26) the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa O. E. S. A good piece of work; only, why print P. G. P. Norris with a straw in his mouth, and even our "Bryanic" countenance had to have the marks of feminine ascendency put across its nose, eye and ear. All samee thanks.

We've heard lots of rumors of things going on, but have no definite news this month, though we have news that heretofore we bought through the secular press. Hereafter we'll edit what we get or the department goes bare.

Shenandoah Chapter 81 gave a banquet to Lodge No. 300, Dec. 12; Red Oak, Clarinda, Essex, Malvern, Sidney, Hamburg, and Farragut were represented.

The Chapter at Lake City elected the following officers:

Mrs. J. M. St. John, W. M.
Mrs. W. H. Crawford, A. M.
E. W. Townsend, W. P.
Mrs. E. B. McClure, C.
Mrs. L. E. Nokes, A. C.
Mrs. Chas. Arnold, Secretary.
Mrs. W. A. Townsend, Treasurer.
Mrs. V. A. Cook, Warden.
W. A. Townsend, Sentinel.

Fraternities.

A SENSIBLE APPEAL.

The Colorado Springs Elks appeal to Elkdom at large to discard the Elks tooth badge for the reason that the Cerves Alces are becoming extinct by the hunt for the teeth by speculators. Let the tooth go, and display the branching antlers of gold; they are handsomest, anyhow.

COLD BLOODED.

The acknowledgments of the head of the Modern Woodmen of America that he does not believe that the insurance orders should

consider the old man and woman in their plans, is whatever way we look at it in the Fraternal Monitor a cold-blooded affair and unbecoming the head of so great a body of Fraternalists. It is nuts for old-liners and assessment companies all right.

We hear rumors of blood on the moon in connection with some of the "young things." Maybe a good bleeding would help—or kill.

THE FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

As at present constituted the Fraternal Congress is not any such thing but only a congress of certain Fraternal Benefit Orders. While we've no quarrel with the ends and aims of the "Congress" as constituted, we wish for a wider—the widest—scope for its usefulness. Why not make it a Fraternal Congress in which all the Fraternal Orders may freely unite? Then if each class wants its section, let them, but the oldest can learn so much from the youngest that we covet a real "Fraternal Congress" wide enough to take in all orders from all lands. Now whoop!

We have an Iowa Fraternal Congress also but its constitution is if anything more selfish than the bigger one. Why shut out the Fraternities which do not provide indemnity. We need more suggestions along that line. We've actuarial brothers enough. More milk of human kindness would be nourishing.

Book Table and Invitations.

Among the "Christmas Greetings" we have none finer than Grand Secretary Parvin sends out:

"To the old, long life and treasure,
To the young, all health and pleasure."
—*Fred Webber.*

General and Mrs. John C. Smith renew our obligations to them with a fine leaflet:

"Welcome the new century, may full-handed hours,
Find us like servants who wait for their Lord."

A. M. Rambo, Philadelphia, puts us in the favor line with his 20th century cards. We knew "Andy" long years ago

Hence grows my heart to Andy's heart more tender;
The time is short—God bless you.

The Malta Festival of Hugh De Pagens Commandery of St. Joseph, Mo., on Dec. 3d, was an affair to which we longed to go, but time, duty and retirement prevented.

From Grand Secretary Renaldo L. Tilton we have the "Memorial Services," Keokuk proceedings Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. for 1900, for which thanks. We remember the grand old Order of which father was a life-long member.

From Arthur T. McArthur we have proceedings of Grand Commandery, New York, 1900, up to their usual high standard.

POPULARIZING MASONRY.

The greatest danger to Freemasonry at the present time is the attempt to popularize it. The tendency of the times seems to be to do things which will excite the public and cause the curious to seek admission. With this in view numerous articles appear in the public prints, public exercises are given and the doings of the Lodge heralded from the housetops. Secrecy is the vital element in our fraternity. Freemasonry is a silent force and exerts its influence quietly and unobtrusively. It was not originated to excite attention, and by reason of its peculiar organization will never become popular with the masses. A great influx of petitioners should be the exception rather than the rule, and the workings of the institution should be "safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts," and there kept in tact. Scrutinize well the candidates for admission, that the impostor who comes not with a sincere desire of knowledge and favorable opinion to the institution, may be kept far from the door.—*Illinois Freemason*

We don't see why the popularity of the institution should be a drawback.—Ed.

"Always be at your best in the lodge room. Best in thought, best in word, best in deed and best in etiquette; never demean yourself there by showing animosity toward individuals. Drop all personal pique when you whisper the outer password, and let your personal presence always be a synonym of good cheer."

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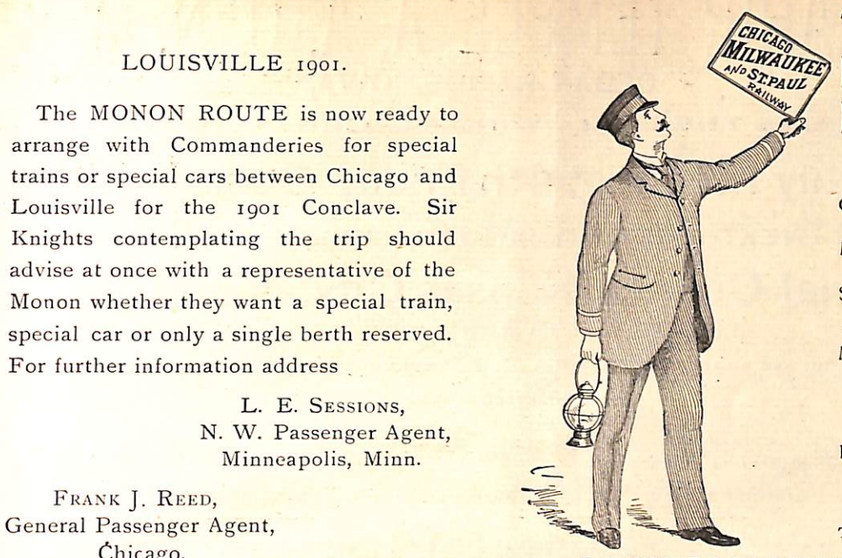

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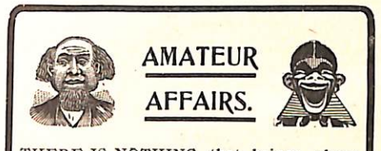

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